



BEST AVAILABLE COPY

SOCKET NO.: 10847ABUS01U
CLIENT NO.: NORT10-00170
Customer No. 33000

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: : AYMAN BEDAIR, ET AL.
Serial No. : 09/475,269
Filed : December 30, 1999
For : ADAPTIVELY MAINTAINING QUALITY OF SERVICE
(QoS) IN DISTRIBUTED PBX NETWORKS
Group No. : 2666
Examiner : K.C. Harper

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant submits this statement. This submittal is made in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and § 609 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. The patents, publications and other information herein are listed below and on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A. Copies of the listed references are submitted herewith.

<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Date</u>
5,361,259	Hunt et al.	November 1, 1994
5,479,407	Ko et al.	December 26, 1995
6,370,117	Koraitim et al.	April 9, 2002

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

DOCKET NO. 10847ABUS01U (NORT10-00170)
U.S. SERIAL NO. 09/475,269
PATENT

Applicant hereby expressly reserves the right to swear behind the effective dates of any of the above Patents and to question the relevance and materiality of the Patents and Publications listed herein, in whole, in part, or in combination, subsequent to filing this Information Disclosure Statement.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (e), the undersigned certifies that no item of information cited in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Each item of information cited in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited by the Patent Office in a related application in the Office Action mailed January 27, 2004 in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/474,778.

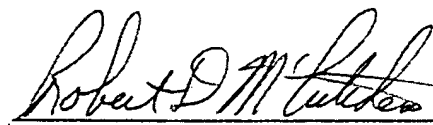
Further, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) and the above statements, no fee is believed to be due for the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVIS MUNCK, P.C.

Date: 2/18/2004

P.O. Drawer 800889
Dallas, Texas 75380
Phone: (972) 628-3600
Fax: (972) 628-3616
email: rmccutcheon@davismunck.com


Robert D. McCutcheon
Registration No. 38,717



BEST AVAILABLE COPY

PTO/SB/08A (10-01)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002, OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO		Complete if Known			
		Application Number	09/475,269		
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)		Filing Date	December 30, 1999		
		First Named Inventor	Avman Bedair, et al.		
		Art Unit	2666		
		Examiner Name	K. C. Harper		
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	10347ABUS01U (NORT10-00170)

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number - Kind Code ² (if known)				
	AA	US-	5,361,259	11/01/1994	Hunt et al.	
	AB	US-	5,479,407	12/26/1995	Ko et al.	
	AC	US-	6,370,117	04/09/2002	Koraitim et al.	
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				

- FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³	-Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
-----------------------	--------------------

¹ EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

² Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ³ See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ⁴ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁵ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁶ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.